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TAGS: PINT,NI

SUBJECT: TAKRA RESIGNS

REF: LAGOS 7108

1. FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNICATIONS JOSEPH S. TARKA SUBMITTED LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO HEAD OF STATE AUGUST 1. RESIGNATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND FMG HAS APPOINTED BRIGADIER MURTALA R. MOHAMMED, FORMER

INSPECTOR OF SIGNALS OF NIGERIAN ARMY, AS NEW COMMISSIONER FO COMMUNICATIONS.

2. COMMENT: RESIGNATION FOLLOWS TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE PUBLICITY ON ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AGAINST TARKA. CREDIT FOR FORCING THIS RESIGNATION MUST GO TO NIGERIAN PRESS ALTHOUGH IT IS COMMONLY BELIEVED THAT DECISION LET TARKA GO WAS MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF FMG. APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ARMY OFFICER TO REPLACE CIVILIAN COMMISSIONER MAY BE FIRST STEP BY MILITARY TO REPLACE CIVILIANS IN TOP LEVELS OF FMG WITH MILITARY. PUBLICITY GIVEN TARKA CASE WILL HAMPER ANY ATTEMPT BY HIM TO BUILD POLITICAL FUTURE, BUT HE HAS STATED

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HE DOES NOT REGARD THIS "EPISODE" AS THE END OF

HIS PUBLIC CAREER.  
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